

## **Barrington Christian Academy Statement of Faith**

We believe...

- there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: The Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- that the Bible is the inspired and only infallible, authoritative Word of God which is "useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness that the man of God may be equipped for every good work" (II Tim. 3:16-17);
- that God called the worlds into being, created man in His own image, and sets before him the ways of life and death. He seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin;
- in the deity of Jesus Christ, God incarnate, born of a Virgin, who lived a sinless life and became our atonement through His shed blood. He came to conquer sin and death and to reconcile the world unto Himself. He was crucified, died, and rose from the dead. He ascended to the Father, is Lord over all of life, and will come again in power and glory;
- that salvation comes to us by the "washing of regeneration and the renewing by the Holy Spirit;" (Titus 3:5);

Regeneration, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is a change of heart wrought by the Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace.

Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Savior.

Christianity is the faith of enlightenment and intelligence. In Jesus Christ abide all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. All sound learning is, therefore, a part of our Christian heritage. The new birth opens all human faculties and creates a thirst for knowledge. Moreover, the cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is coordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence, and should receive along with these the liberal support of the churches.

In Christian education, there should be a proper balance between academic freedom and academic responsibility. Freedom in any orderly relationship of human life is always limited and never absolute. The freedom of a teacher in a Christian school, college, or seminary is limited by the pre-eminence of Jesus Christ, by the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and by the distinct purpose for which the school exists.

Your signature indicates that you have read the Statement of Faith of Barrington Christian Academy and are willing to have your child taught in accordance with the same. International students are expected to attend church regularly with their host families.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_